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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE  
IN A SURFACE MOUNT DEVICE  
PLACEMENT MACHINE

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patents:

4,566,282 Knoblauch et al. 01-28-1986

Foreign Patents:

0 620 036 A1 Europe 10-19-1994

The information is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Continued examination is requested and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for the Request for Continued Examination accompanies the present submission. Consideration and making of record in the application identified in the caption of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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